

KELVIN TOP QUIZZER

By Paul Williams

Kelvin Lange, a former student of Levin North Primary School, Levin Intermediate and Dux of Horowhenua College, is officially very, very clever, having captained a team to win the 2025 Global Quiz Nations competition recently.

He says he was attracted to quiz books and encyclopaedias as a youngster in an age well before the internet, where facts can be found at the touch of a button.

"I've always loved quizzing," he says.

Since graduating from Massey University he has lived mostly in Petone working for government departments in various advisory roles. But outside of the office, his hobby is quizzing.

"It started about 25 years ago when I saw a sign advertising a quiz night and I've quizzed ever since," he says. "There weren't too many in those early days but once you had a team established, you'd catch up with your mates and go quizzing."

The outbreak of Covid-19 saw a sharp spike in the popularity of online quiz competitions.

Kelvin teamed up with fellow New Zealander Simon Wood and three Australians to win the recent online international team quiz final against a team from India.

Kelvin hit a home run in the final, answering correctly the question: "Which country is the biggest producer of rose oil for cosmetic use?"*

Growing up he had a mind thirsty for knowledge and facts, and watched television quiz shows like *University Challenge*, *The Krypton Factor*, *Sale of the Century*, *W3* and *Telebingo*.

These days he watches *The Chase*, currently the most popular quiz show on television, screening three times a day.

"My young kids both love answering quiz questions, too, which gives me much excitement," he says.

Now that children Ethan, 6, and Brooke, 4, are getting a bit older, he might "duck out" once a week and quiz as a treat to help stay "quiz fit".

Kelvin, 48, and wife Yolandi were part of a team that won a national pub quiz competition, too.

"It's pretty special to win a national title with family and friends."

His original pub quiz team won three national pub quiz titles (2005, 2006, 2009), then, forming a new team, he placed second in four consecutive competitions before winning again in 2024.

Quizzing has opened up a whole new world. He's attended a Quiz Olympiad in Greece, and met *The Chase* stars like Paul Sinha and Anne Hegerty.

"You have to be interested in lots of stuff, and you have to have the ability to record and recall those sorts of things," he says.

"You do have to work at it."

He says he'll happily look up obscure facts, like who was the second man on the moon, but not stop there and find out any other interesting facts around moon landings.

"The fact that I enjoy it helps. It's not a chore."

He says quizzing is addictive and admitted it gives him a natural high.

"It releases endorphins. I do find it hard to sleep afterwards, as the questions keep running through your head," he says.

The only downside to being a world champion quizzier is that it can sometimes limit what games the family plays at Christmas.

"No-one wants to play Trivial Pursuit," he says.

Other quiz career highlights for Kelvin:

- 2nd in individual event at the Asia-Pacific Quiz Championships in Kuala Lumpur, 2018.
- He and Yolandi were joined by famous Paul "Sinnerman" Sinha of *The Chase* fame for a pub quiz in Wellington.
- Kelvin once had lunch with *The Chase's* Anne "Governess" Hegerty.
- He attended the inaugural Quiz Olympiad in Athens in 2016, meeting Ken Jennings (USA Jeopardy legend and current host), Chasers, Eggheads and other superstars.

*(Answer: Bulgaria)



Kelvin Lange with his trophies and medal from the online 2025 Global Quiz Nations competition.

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Arrests made, police beef up patrols

By Paul Williams

Police have now made a total of 12 arrests in relation to a spate of gang-related offending in Levin in the past week, which has received nationwide attention.

Several incidents involving firearms have seen two people treated for gunshot wounds. Police have responded to the offending with increased policing in the area.

Levin senior sergeant Sam Gilpin says an extra 16 frontline police, rostered from nearby Palmerston North and Wellington areas, have been assigned to every day, evening and night shift around the clock.

He says the extra police will be stationed in Levin for as long as required and are assisting to identify those responsible for the offending.

Police have been able to use the recently introduced Gang Conflict Warrant, which has been in force since last Thursday, to crack down on offending, most of which is believed to be between members of the same gang.

The Gang Conflict Warrant is used to address ongoing gang-related violence and allows police to search

vehicles and occupants of vehicles linked to gang members, seize firearms and weapons, and conduct searches in specified areas.

This warrant is part of the Criminal Activity Intervention Legislation Act 2023, amended to include gang conflict warrants, which can be issued for 14 days before needing renewing.

In the past week police have used the warrant to execute several car searches that have uncovered six firearms, ammunition, knives, and quantities of drugs such as methamphetamine and cocaine.

Manawātū Area Commander Ross Grantham says the warrant is helping to keep the community safe.

“We also have police making ongoing

enquiries into drug importation and dealing,” he says.

“We are activating the powers we have available to help prevent further harm, and to hold those responsible to account.

“Everyone in our community has a right to go about their day without fear.”

Sam says there has been a lot of public support of police, and the increased presence of police.

“Our main focus is to quell the violence, but

at the same time the visible presence of police does provide reassurance,” he says.

Of the 12 people arrested in the past week in relation to the offending, six remain in police custody.

- Anyone with information about recent incidents in and around Levin is urged to contact police either through the 105 services, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Old pipe replaced as part of upgrade

A solitary concrete pipe that transports Levin’s sewage to the town’s wastewater treatment plant was built in the 1950s and might not survive a major earthquake.

The main inlet pipe to the Mako Mako Road wastewater plant is now more than 70 years old and a system failure had the potential to cause a major sewage spill, with the potential to harm the environment.

As a result Horowhenua District Council is about to replace the old pipe with a new and larger underground polythelene pipe as the sewerage system gets a major upgrade.

Council has set aside \$65.7 million for plant upgrade works in the next 20 years, part of an estimated \$111 million budget to be spent on the project by 2053.

Council chief executive Monique Davidson says the project is a “once in a generation” investment in a core piece of infrastructure that delivers a reliable wastewater service and will cater for population growth.

“Building high-quality infrastructure which will serve our community into the future doesn’t come cheap,” she says.

The investment is largely funded by development contributions and debt funding.

“The first thing we’re doing is replacing



The old concrete sewage pipe that will be replaced at the Mako Mako Road treatment plant.

the pipe with a bigger high-density polyethylene one and then moving on to the headworks – a kind of giant filter which will keep damaging grit and detritus out of the new pumps and other systems we’ll be installing,” she says. “Later work will include constructing a new digester for the plant. Digesters are the large tanks where organic matter in wastewater sludge is broken down.”

“It’s carefully staged and fascinating work.”

Lower Hutt company Construction Contracts Ltd will carry out the pipe replacement work. Monique says CCL

has experience in this field and was chosen as the preferred contractor for its proven ability to deliver the work at the most affordable cost to ratepayers.

The first stage of work will run from the wastewater treatment plant to the corner of Adkin Avenue and Collingwood Street. That is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

“Unfortunately, the pipe runs underneath one of the playing fields at the southern end of Donnelly Park, which will need to be closed to the public while the pipe is replaced,” Monique says.



Ucol Horowhenua staff, from left, Teina Mataira, Yvonne Seng, Kevin Qin, Dan Hoffman, Jasmine Groves. Photo Janine Baalbergen

Ucol back ‘better than ever’

Ucol is back and better than ever, says the operations lead in charge of the institute’s four campuses.

The Horowhenua office team recently shifted into the community hub on Bristol Street, which Jasmine Groves says is ideal – “We connect straight away with all sorts of community groups.”

She says Ucol has looked closely at its structure and course delivery. “We believe we can better respond to community needs now and expect to have a surplus in the next five years, so we can invest in office IT and carry forward more community-based courses.

Although each campus has its own leadership team, the programme is the same as before. Jasmine says Ucol’s overall structure when it had to join Te Pūkenga/NZ Institute of Skills and Technology – a national network for all the country’s 25 polytechnics and industry training organisations – was beyond what it could afford.

So, some things changed, such as the operating hours. Ucol moved out of Levin’s Oxford Street and moved to smaller offices in Bristol Street.

It now delivers courses at high schools, community facilities, marae, rather than in separate, disconnected classrooms. Students get on-the-job experience, including on the new Manawatu Gorge Highway.

Courses are run at high schools to give students a taste of what to expect once they move into vocational training.

Ucol offers courses in infrastructure, English, and construction, and there’s a defence pathway, automotive and trades academy at local high schools.

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Three sign water deal

And then there were three. . .

Horowhenua District Council has officially signed a document that will see its water, wastewater and stormwater assets pooled with two other nearby councils after initially exploring the possibility of a new seven-council entity.

The official document signing of a joint Water Services Delivery Plan in Foxton last week between the mayors and chief executives of Horowhenua, Palmerston North, and Rangitikei councils met the government deadline of September 3.

The plan sets out how drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services will be delivered in the future, and outlines the pathway to establishing a jointly owned Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO).

Initial discussions had also included Ruapehu, Whanganui, Manawatū and Tararua councils. Tararua has since joined with other Wairarapa councils, Ruapehu and Whanganui have joined together, and Manawatū has elected to go it alone.

A key purpose of the new HDC/PNCC/RDC entity is to have increased borrowing capability needed to upgrade infrastructure to meet new government-imposed standards.

Before adopting the plan the new entity sought feedback from the Department of Internal Affairs, which is overseeing the water reforms. The signed document is now with the department.

Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden said while three councils could deliver water services better together, they retained their local voice and decision-making power in the new water services organisation.

Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith said



Chief executives of, from left, Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Rangitikei councils sign a joint water services delivery Plan at Foxton last week. From left, Monique Davidson, Waid Crockett and Carol Gordon.

partnering would see significant cost savings both in the short and long term.

“This decision is about being smart with resources, meeting tougher regulations, retaining an important skilled workforce and planning long term,” he said. “Working with our neighbouring councils means we can deliver better services and better value with more scale, while keeping local control.”

Mayor Andy Watson of Rangitikei District Council said adopting the plan was an

important milestone.

“This is one of the biggest decisions councils will make for their communities in decades. Rangitikei residents can rest assured this partnership with Horowhenua and Palmerston North is a good one. It will be able to deliver the critical balance of affordability and local influence.”

PNCC deputy chief executive Chris Dyhrberg has been appointed executive director to work with all three councils on the next steps, until a transition board is established.

BRIEFS

Big dry for August

Weather watchers will be keeping a close eye on any rainfall this weekend, with Levin poised to record its driest August since records began in 1895. According to Niwa records, the least amount of rainfall for the month of August in Levin was 19mm, recorded in 2003. So far this month, as of yesterday, the region had recorded just 14.4mm for the entire month, significantly less than the 156.8mm that fell the previous August, according to MetService. The average August rainfall for Levin is 88.9mm.



Meteor snapped in Ōhau

An Ōhau youngster has snapped a rare photo of a meteor flying through the sky while out for a twilight walk with his grandparents recently. Harry Stretton, 10, took a chance image with the cellphone of his grandad, Ara Arakassabian, in the second the meteor took to fly across the sky. “He knows the password,” Ara says. The image has been shared with Victoria University, who welcome information and sightings of meteors.

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The team at Steve's Tyre Service and Auto Care in Levin, from left, Steve Deans, Clarky Woodley, James Deans, Jason Hunter, and John Tombs.

Steve's backing the community

IF YOU'VE DRIVEN through the heart of Levin recently, you'll have noticed the bright yellow building on the corner of Cambridge and Queen Streets.

That's the new home of Steve's Tyre Service and Auto Care, which officially opened its Levin branch last month.

For owner Steve Deans, teamwork has always been at the heart of everything he does. A former top-level rugby and softball player, Steve understands the importance of working together, recognising effort, and celebrating success. It's a philosophy he's carried from the sports field into business.

"You can be at work for eight or nine hours a day, so you might as well enjoy it," Steve says. "Getting the important stuff right really matters – and often it's the little things, like recognition, reward, or even just a 'thank you', that go a long way."

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That attitude has helped shape a business model that not only delivers expert tyre and auto care services, but also gives back in meaningful ways.

Since launching the first branch in Palmerston North in 2013, Steve has committed to donating every dollar from puncture repairs to Arohanui Hospice. At just \$10 a repair, the initiative has grown rapidly – doubling in recent years – and resulted in an incredible \$100,000 donation.

Recently, hospice staff returned the favour by putting on a smoko shout for the whole team.

But the community support doesn't stop there.

Outside the Levin store, a dedicated bin collects unwanted sports gear – boots,

bats, balls, and more – which are passed on to local children through the Replay-NZ initiative.

"It's great to see that gear going to families who really need it," Steve says.

Opening the Levin branch has also meant creating jobs for locals. The store now employs three highly experienced full-time staff – John Tombs, Clarky Woodley, and Jason Hunter – who together bring more than 40 years of expertise to the workshop floor.

They join a wider team of 25 across the Levin and Palmerston North branches, where services also include vehicle servicing and warrants of fitness.

For Steve, expanding to Levin was a natural decision.

"I believe in this town and in the future

of Horowhenua," he says. "We've already had fantastic support from local clients, as well as new faces walking through the door."

"It's great to be here and to be part of this community."

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Horowhenua Star continues its series of candidate profiles for the 2025 local body elections. This week we profile the six candidates for the two positions on the Waiopēhu Ward. Next week we profile candidates for the Kere Kere and Miranui wards. Note the information and photographs have been requested without direction as to content. Readers are urged to find out as much as they can about the candidates so they can make an informed vote.

WAIOPEHU WARD (2 vacancies, 6 candidates)


DAN OKANO

I'm running for Council because, like you, I'm concerned about rising rates. Councils' "spend more to grow more" approach raises serious questions about long-term affordability. We need to get back to basics and bring spending under control. As your Councillor, I'll advocate for sensible budgets, smart infrastructure – not just bigger versions of the same thing, and policies that put ratepayers first. Let's keep rates fair while delivering real value through consistent, reliable core services you can count on. It's time to bring practical thinking back to Council and make common sense common again.




JUDY WEBBY

I stand to represent the community that means so much to me. Having lived for many years in Muhunua East, Levin, and Manakau, I've gained a deep understanding of Horowhenua. My background, 25 years running a photography business and more than 20 years as a financial adviser taught me the importance of listening and problem-solving. My main reason for standing is because I want council to be open and transparent with less deals done behind closed doors, and a community where everyone is treated equally. To learn more, visit my webpage www.askjudy.co.nz or follow me on Facebook Judy Webby for Waiopēhu.




BRUCE ECCLES

I was born and educated in Levin. My career in construction started here and I've worked in the local area extensively. I've been active with the Waitārerere Beach Progressive and Ratepayers Association for 8 years - 5 as President. This has allowed me to work closely with elected members and senior officers of Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council. I've developed a deep understanding of the Horowhenua community's needs. My understanding of local issues, and recognition of the diverse communities contained within, drives my desire to continue contributing to the community. I believe I can represent the Waiopēhu Ward well.




SAM JENNINGS

Experienced. Straight-talking. Results-focused. I've served two terms on Council representing Levin, where I've consistently pushed for fiscal discipline, transparency, and common sense—no fluff, no vanity projects, just getting important things done. Now I'm standing in Waiopēhu, because this ward deserves strong representation from day one. I've lived in Manakau and know the community. I know how Council works, and I know how to get results. I've shown I'm not afraid to take a stand, advocate hard, and deliver outcomes that matter. Real representation. Right choice. Call or email me with any questions.



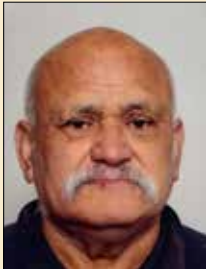
MORGAN GRAY

I'm standing for council to bring practical leadership, real accountability, and better value for your rates. As a small business owner and former police officer, I know how important it is to spend money wisely. I believe council needs to focus on core services, cut waste, and reduce unnecessary spending – so we can deliver more without raising rates. I support smaller, more efficient local government with less red tape and more personal freedom. I'm committed to fairer services for rural communities and making sure every ratepayer sees real value for their money.



WILLIAM RANGINUI

I was born and raised in Whanganui. I have served as a Whanganui District Council community board member and a rural volunteer firefighter. I was a logistics specialist as a soldier in the military and worked in transport management and freight movement. On discharge I attended business management courses and worked in security in NZ, Australia, US and Middle East before retraining as a carpenter and electrician. Horowhenua needs more business. We must keep rates as low as possible. The Mayor and councillors must remember that decisions made must not harm future residents financially.



KEY DATES

September 9-22
Voting documents delivered

October 7
Last day for posting vote by mail. After this date votes must be returned to council's secure ballot boxes.

October 11 at 12 noon
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October 11 from 12 noon
Progress results

October 16-22
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October/November
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MAHI MĀRA/Gardening

Gardens of your grandparents

Recently I was invited to give a talk at a garden festival in the Wairarapa. After a bit of thinking about what my topic could be I decided to talk about gardens 70-plus years ago when I was a kid growing up.

I grew up in the home of my mother's parents at 8 Elizabeth Street Palmerston North. It was a big house on a good size plot of land with a chicken house and coop and a good big vegetable garden. The soil was rich and fertile, having good amounts of chicken manure added to it every time the chicken house was mucked out.

GARDENING



WALLY RICHARDS

There were no fruit trees, as back then when the orchards in the Hawke's Bay produced the season's fruit, my mother would buy cases of fruit cheap and bottle it all.

The vegetable garden kept us in veggies and the hens with lots of eggs. A pantry full of preserves, jams and chutneys meant that we could weather any storm.

The soil was so full of worms that you could not put a spade in without cutting a few in half. The humus level in the soil was so great it was like a giant sponge and when it rained it safely stored lots of water.

Good humus can hold water equivalent to about 90 percent of its own weight, acting like a sponge to retain moisture and prevent nutrients from being washed away. This significantly increases a soil's ability to withstand drought and makes water more accessible to plants, as the humus sponge holds water until the plant roots come into contact with it.

Thus, even in dry summers, we didn't have to water the gardens, which meant that the chlorinated tap water didn't harm our worms and soil life. Everything was lush and healthy.

The only problem in summer was white butterflies. It was my job, with the aid of an old tennis racquet, to swipe them down and pick any caterpillars off the brassicas and feed them to the hens.

No man-made fertilisers were used and no sprays were needed. Every thing was natural and very healthy.

In holiday times I would go to my uncle's farm in Bell Block, where everything there was also natural. It was a dairy farm of about 100 acres running 100 cows. The family was well off as there were no outgoing expenses for fertilisers or vet bills.

If you turned a cow pad over, under it would be several tiger worms breaking the manure down and feeding the healthy grasses.

A stream ran though the top of the property. It was crystal clear with mountain trout as long as your arm and eels as well. No pollution of the water, even though cows had access to it for drinking if in that paddock. The nitrate from their urine fed the grasses as the biology was correct and maintained with a spread of lime every so often to keep the soil life happy.

I also spoke of the market gardeners who back in the 1950s and 60s were mainly Chinese. I had a school friend whose father was a Chinese market gardener with land in Awapuni on the outskirts of Palmerston North. At the weekend I would go there and help pick tomatoes and stuff.

The only fertiliser used was real blood and bone from the freezing works. It was very dark in colour, not like you see today in what is called blood and bone – that appears to be mostly chalk as the true blood and bone is made into meal for dog biscuits and such.

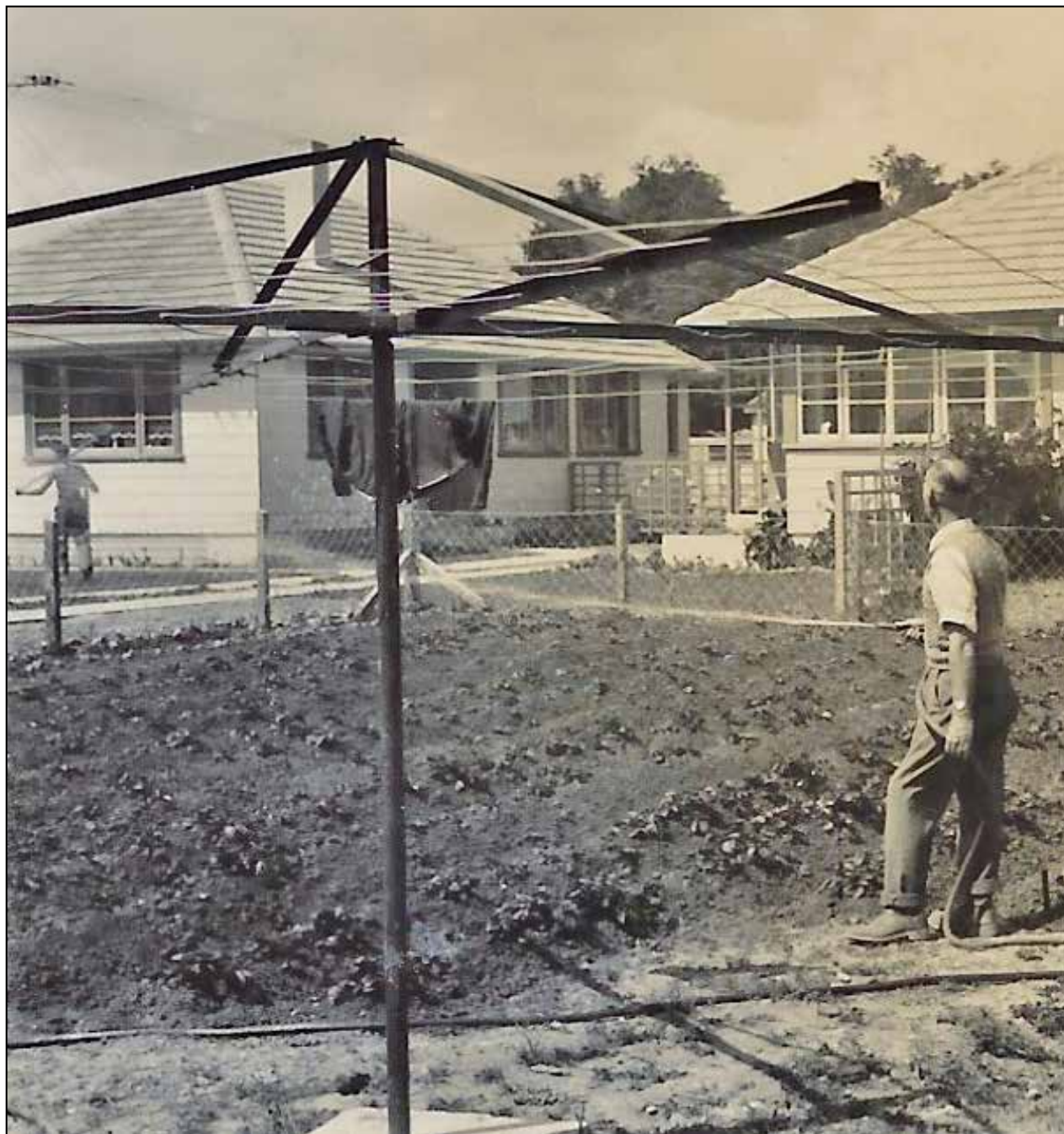
Back then if you cooked a cabbage it would stink the house out from the sulfur content. Nowadays you would not even know if a cabbage from the supermarket was being cooked.

Science tells us we have lost about 80 percent of the nutritional value of our food compared to the 1950s.

What changed?

Plants need phosphate for crucial functions like energy transfer (ATP), DNA and RNA formation, and cell division and growth, especially in roots, seedlings, and during seed and fruit development. It's also vital for capturing and storing sunlight's energy during photosynthesis and helps improve water use efficiency and stress resistance. Phosphate comes naturally from bird and bat dune – sailing ships in days gone by would collect what was called Guano.

Guano is the term for the accumulated, dried excrement of seabirds and bats, particularly valued as a highly effective,



Houses in the 1950s and 60s were usually on a quarter acre, allowing enterprising home owners to develop a garden in the back yard that was fed with healthy, natural nutrients. Photo of Maire Street, Ōtaki, in the 1960s: Ōtaki Today

natural fertiliser rich in the nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium essential for plant growth. It was once "white gold" that powered economies.

Natural rock phosphate, which is mined and even when powdered is not readily available to plants for their phosphate needs. However it was discovered that by breaking it down with acid it was more readily available, thus super phosphate came into being.

But acid is very harmful to soil life and thus applications of super phosphate destroyed the essential soil life, along with man-made nitrogen fertilisers, which are used to increase the plant growth. It made more money for the growers and farmers but at a tremendous cost to the soil life, the plants, the animals that feed on grasses and plants, and us humans who sustain our lives from eating plants and animals.

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Symptoms vary greatly when plants are deficient in phosphorus. In broadleaf plants, young leaves may be dark green and have purplish veins, especially on the underside of leaves. Older leaves can develop an overall purplish tint and tip dieback. Leaves may be curled, distorted, smaller than normal, or drop prematurely.

To have gardens like our grandparents had we need to use

only natural animal manures and compost. We need to avoid using things such as man-made fertilisers (small amounts are OK especially if applied with garden lime to neutralise the acidic aspect).

Don't use harmful chemical controls on plants or soil, which include herbicides such as glyphosate, and don't water gardens with chlorinated tap water.

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Nature is very powerful and if you work with her, she will quickly restore the soil life and you too can have great gardens like your grandparents had.

Your rewards are great gardens and you and your family having a healthier and longer, happy life.

■ Wally has owned plant shops, a garden centre and three nursery sites. He operates an online business called Wally's Garden Enterprises. Phone 0800 466464. For garden information and news go to gardenews.co.nz

Rural women celebrate 100

By Janine Baalbergen

Muhunoa East Rural Women hosted like-minded organisations at Tatum Park recently to celebrate 100 years of Rural Women.

They toured the region, sampled wine, met local growers, line-danced and had a tradition high tea at Tatum. Several dressed in old-fashioned style for the occasion.

Rural Women NZ started out as the Women's Division of Federated Farmers. It was founded in July 1925 in Wellington by a group of farmers' wives. They shared stories that included living in isolation and limited access to services.

Their discussions led to the formation of the Bush Nurse scheme, which became the district nurse service.

During the Second World War, £5000 was raised to buy a Spitfire fighter plane for Britain. The plane adorned with WDNZFF and flown by Flight Lieutenant LP Griffith DFC, the son of a Levin member.

In 1952 Molly McLeavey of Ōhau represented NZ Countrywomen at a UN conference in Manila. After she got home she started Operation Quilts, making quilts people in the Philippines.

Rural Women also raised money to fight the hydatids disease, to fund tuberculosis testing in cows and aid research into leptospirosis.

The organisation has strong networks throughout the country

that fight for health, education and social policies. It also plays a leading role in issues affecting rural communities, such as retention of rural post deliveries.

The local branch, Muhunoa East, was founded in 1979. It supports causes that include helping others in cases of flood and drought, and it has been promoting work on the Horowhenua expressway. The group runs a cafe at the monthly Ohau market and has funded a defibrillator for Ōhau Hall.

Members meet monthly and keep the rural tradition of arts, crafts, preserving and baking alive. They usually complete a court for the annual Horowhenua AP&I Show, often winning the top prize.

The recent weekend at Tatum Park included planting a new rose, bred by Matthews Nurseries in Whanganui, called Rural Women. In 1975 another rose was planted at Tatum Park, Madam President, by then dominion president Birdie Bryant of Manakau.

Local life members attended the high tea as did Mayor Bernie Wanden and his wife, Sharon. Tatum owner Wayne Bishop and centre manager Catherine recounted the history of Tatum Park and Penny Mudford was MC.



Many of the Rural Women members dressed in period clothing as they celebrated at Tatum their organisation's 100 years. Photo Janine Baalbergen

UFO doco at Firebird

By Paul Williams

Do you believe in aliens and UFOs?

Auckland film-maker Robin Kewell is returning to Levin to introduce another documentary and will share some of his recent experiences in a Q&A session after the screening.

Robin says the special screening of *Ariel Phenomenon* explores an African extra-terrestrial encounter witnessed by more than 60 school-children in 1994. A Harvard professor, a BBC war reporter and past students struggle to answer the question: What happens when you experience something so extraordinary that nobody believes you?

"This full-length documentary will open your mind to the fact that we are certainly not alone in this vast Universe," Robin says. "It has been described as one of the most important, eye opening and thought provoking films ever made. It is a documentary that I have some connection with and I'll be telling the audience the background to the film and sharing some of my own experiences."

"As soon as you mention UFOs and alien encounters people's immediate reaction is to make fun of it and ask 'how much did you have to drink?' I believe this reaction comes to counter the immensity of the issue to which as yet we have no way of comprehending."

■ *Ariel Phenomenon*, Sunday, August 31, Firebird Café. Tickets \$15/ \$12

Neighbourhood Support turns 40

By Janine Baalbergen

Horowhenua's Neighbourhood Support celebrated its 40th birthday modestly at its recent AGM.

Levin senior constable Scott Harvey, who was guest speaker, talked about his past two years of community policing, saying Levin was in the nation's top 10 for testing levels of methamphetamine and cocaine in wastewater.

He also said the number of local elderly being targeted by scammers by phone was increasing. Elderly were losing tens on thousands of dollars thinking they were helping poor people. He said the elderly were frustrated with the long wait times to see a GP and the lack of public transport.

Scott said he helped to solve neighbour disputes and even helped people find their car in a carpark.

Neighbourhood Support coordinator Deborah Campbell talked about the number of local organisations she dealt with regularly, and some of the issues she also helped to resolve. She has contacts in just about every street in Levin and can quickly mobilise people in cases of emergency, for example, when evacuations are needed.

In the past year Deborah has dealt with noise complaints, fly tipping, street lights not working,




Senior Sergeant Scott Harvey and Neighbourhood Support coordinator Deborah Campbell cut the 40th birthday cake. Photo Janine Baalbergen

suspicious cars, unruly renters and bail notices. She was part of the welfare team doing checks on people after the recent tornado, she's on the board of HALT, and is part of an age advisory group and the older persons network.

"One day I was contacted by the fire service on behalf of a family whose house burned down," she said. "I was able to hook them up with MSD for assistance."


The local organisation needs \$70,000 every year. Thanks to two grants, the total was achieved this year.


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Monique Davidson

Message from the CE

Kia ora Horowhenua,

We have had some beautiful spring-like days lately, those Tararua ranges are nothing but stunning with the light sprinkling of snow. Certainly, a view I took for granted growing up, but something I now make sure I don't miss. I hope the weather is creating opportunities for you and your family to get out and about our beautiful places and spaces.

Last week I joined Mayor Bernie and the CEs and mayors of Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom to sign our joint water services delivery plan. The signing marks a formal process as we set out on a partnership between the three councils, and the plan sets out how drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services will be delivered in the future.

By joining up with the other councils we will be able to deliver safer, better, more affordable water services while keeping ownership of our water assets. And we'll retain a strong local voice and decision-making power in the new water services organisation.

There is a great deal of work still to do before the new organisation comes into effect in July 2026, but the process is now under way, and I believe we are in a very good position for the future.

Last week also marked the sod-turning on the start of upgrading the Levin wastewater treatment plant on Mako Mako Road.

This is another big deal. The plant is more than 70 years old and badly in need of work. We're starting by replacing the cracked main inlet pipe with a bigger pipe. Then we'll replace the headworks, which is a sort of giant filter at the end of the pipe.

Council's 2024-44 Long Term Plan sets aside \$65.7m for the project over the next 20 years, and the total cost by 2053 is an estimated \$111 million. The investment is largely funded by development contributions and debt funding.

This was more than just a sod-turning. It represents a commitment to protecting the health of our community, safeguarding our environment and preparing our town for the future.

I often read concerns on social media about Council discharging wastewater into Lake Horowhenua, and while it's important we acknowledge that this did occur historically, we don't discharge treated sewerage from the wastewater treatment plant into the lake any more. Since 1987 we've been pumping it to a site called The Pot, several kilometres away, and using it to irrigate to land. We were one of the first councils in the country to do this.

It goes without saying that if we were to build a town from scratch now, we may not have built the town and wastewater treatment plan in its current location, however relocating the plant is not financially feasible and poses greater risk to the environment and community.

The first rates instalments are due to be paid by 15 September. You'll see an item later in this issue about rates rebates for those on low incomes. I really encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible to apply. I know rates are expensive, and the bills are unwelcome. But rates give us the income to run our day-to-day operations such as road maintenance, water services, pools and libraries. We budget through annual and long-term plans and spend this money carefully.

There's still time to get your Civic Award and Youth Scholarship nominations in – but don't leave it too late, they close on Sunday 7 September. These awards are a chance to recognise the people who give their time and energy to our community – whether through volunteering, coaching, serving on a committee, or just quietly keeping things running. It's a simple way to say thank you, with recipients celebrated at a special evening later this year.

Community grants are also still open, giving locals the chance to turn bright ideas into reality. Big or small – whether it's a project, event, or initiative – this funding is available to help make it happen.

As always, thank you for being an active part of our community. Whether you're keeping an eye on the Tararuas, supporting local initiatives, or simply lending a hand to a neighbour, your contribution matters.

Monique Davidson

Monique Davidson
Chief Executive

Council Meetings

10 Council Public Forum
Wednesday 10 September 2025,
10.15am to 10.45am
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

10 Horowhenua District Council Meeting
Wednesday 10 September 2025, 11am
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

17 Community Funding and Recognition Committee
Wednesday 17 September 2025,
10am to 12pm
Ante room, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Election 2025: Be informed and have your say

With 42 candidates confirmed in Horowhenua's 2025 Local Election, it is now up to members of the community to do their research and have their say when voting opens.

You can find profiles of the local candidates at www.horowhenua.govt.nz/elections. Most will be out in the community making themselves known as well. Members of the community should pay attention, find someone whose values align with theirs, and vote on who will be our decision makers for the next three years.

Forgot to enroll or update your details?

If you are enrolled by 1 August, your voting papers will arrive by post between 9 September and 22 September.

If you enrol or update your address after the 1 August, you can still vote, but you'll need to contact Council and cast a special vote. Special voting documents will be available from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to 12 noon, Saturday 11 October 2025 at Horowhenua District Council's office, Shannon Library and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.

SEPT 9 Voting in the 2025 Election
Opens Tuesday 9 September and closes at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October.

Find out more at:

www.horowhenua.govt.nz/elections

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Rebates of up to \$805 may be available to eligible residents

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In the Works

We've been keeping our water infrastructure flowing smoothly, repairing filters at the Levin water treatment plant and installing a new pump at one of the Waitārerere Beach stormwater pump stations.

In Shannon, new wastewater pipes have been installed on Bryce Street and contractors have started installing a new pump station.

And we're entering the final stages of replacing drinking water and wastewater pipes along MacArthur Street in Levin. Work is now turning to the stretch of road between Bartholomew Road and Byrd Street. This work is important to provide safe and reliable water services and to prepare Levin for future growth. Some traffic management will be in place – as always, we apologise for any inconvenience and thank residents for their patience and cooperation.

In other work, we've finished building the retaining wall on Waitārerere Beach Road. Work included removing the existing wall, constructing a new slat retaining wall, battening back the sand, laying topsoil, and reinstating a section of footpath. We received nice feedback from the Waitārerere Progressive Association – thank you, it's always good to hear from satisfied customers!

And in Ballance Street, Shannon, we're renewing a section of kerb and channel, including the asphalt footpath, which had been affected by uplift from tree roots and general wear over time. Contractors removed the existing kerb and channel and began ground preparation work to replace it.



📍 KERB AND CHANNEL WORK ON BALLANCE STREET

First rates instalment due by 15 September 2025

The first Horowhenua District Council rates instalment of the 2025/26 financial year is due to be paid by 15 September, and Council is encouraging ratepayers to check whether they are eligible for a rebate.

Your invoice will be in your letterbox or inbox this week. In the meantime, you can check how much you'll be paying at ratesinformation.horowhenua.govt.nz.

The Rates Rebates Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$805 for low-income earners who are paying rates for the home they were living in on 1 July 2025. Rebates will be calculated based on income, the number of dependents living with you, and the total amount of rates you'll pay from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, including Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council.

Eligible households can have income up to \$32,210 and get the maximum rebate. Households getting more than this may still get a rebate, but it will be less than the full amount. SuperGold cardholders and their households can have income up to \$45,000 and get the maximum rebate amount.

To apply, you'll need proof of income (before tax) for the tax year ended 31 March 2025 (this includes any interest at the bank), proof of your spouse/partner's or joint income if living together, and your SuperGold card, if applicable.

For more information and to apply, once you have received your rates invoice, go to:

📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/rates

GRANTS & FUNDING

Got a great idea for your community?

Horowhenua is full of people with big hearts and bold ideas – and now's the time to bring those ideas to life. Council Grants and Community Funding closes soon.

@ community@horowhenua.govt.nz

📞 06 366 0999

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Age on the GO

Call for Stallholders

Be part of our popular expo for older people on Friday 10 October at Horowhenua Events Centre.

Free stalls for community groups, \$100 for businesses. Register by 19 September

📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/AgeOnTheGo

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HOROWHENUA CIVIC AWARDS
Celebrating Community Champions

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Celebrating Exceptional Rangatahi

Know someone making a real difference in our community?

Whether they're a long-standing volunteer or a young person achieving great things, we want to celebrate them.

For full criteria and to submit your nomination:

- 📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/CivicAwards
- 📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/YouthExcellence
- 📞 (06) 366 0999

Nominations close 7 September 2025

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TE PATI MĀORI:
DEBBIE NGAREWA-PACKER

Māori wards strengthen community



Local democracy works if everyone sees themselves reflected around the council table.

For too long, Māori have been under-represented in local government, despite being tangata whenua and Treaty partners. Māori wards are not about favouritism, they are about fairness.

Just as general wards ensure communities of interest have a voice, Māori wards ensure tangata whenua voices are heard and acted upon. Māori make up 20 percent of Aotearoa population, but for decades councils have remained overwhelmingly Pākehā. Māori wards help correct that imbalance and bring the experience, values, and priorities of mana whenua into decision-making.

Horowhenua already knows the value of working in partnership with iwi. Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton is one of our best local examples; a vibrant centre created through collaboration between Horowhenua District Council, Te Taitoa Māori o Te Awahou, and the Dutch community. It celebrates te reo, Māori heritage, and local identity alongside other cultural stories. That kind of partnership enriches everyone.

The same is true for our environment. Lake Papaitonga (Waiwiri) is more than a scenic reserve, it is a sacred taonga for Muaupoko iwi. Protecting the lake's ecology and history has required iwi leadership, community care, and council support working hand in hand. These partnerships remind us that when Māori perspectives lead, the whole community benefits.

This election, Horowhenua voters will face a binding referendum on whether to keep the Māori ward. This is more than a technical decision, it is a test of our values. Do we want a council that looks like Horowhenua, or do we turn back the clock and silence Māori voices again?

Opponents say Māori can already stand in general wards; in theory, yes. In practice, the numbers tell a different story. Structural inequities mean Māori candidates are under-elected, and councils remain stacked against representation. Democracy is not just about the right to stand, it is about ensuring the system itself delivers fairness.

The partnerships we already value, whether through cultural centres, ecological restoration, or shared community projects, prove that Māori leadership strengthens Horowhenua. Māori wards extend that same principle into our council chambers.

If we want a district where decisions reflect the whole community, then keeping Māori wards is not just fair, it is essential.

Horowhenua deserves a council that looks like Horowhenua. Māori wards are how we get there.

■ Debbie is the MP for Te Tai Hauāuru

HEALTH SCIENCE: DR STEVE HUMPHRIES

Microplastics are everywhere



Microplastics – minute plastic fibres and particles smaller than 5mm – are everywhere; they have been found at the poles, in our deepest oceans, and on our highest mountains.

A global pollutant of growing concern, they are in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we consume. So where do microplastics come from?

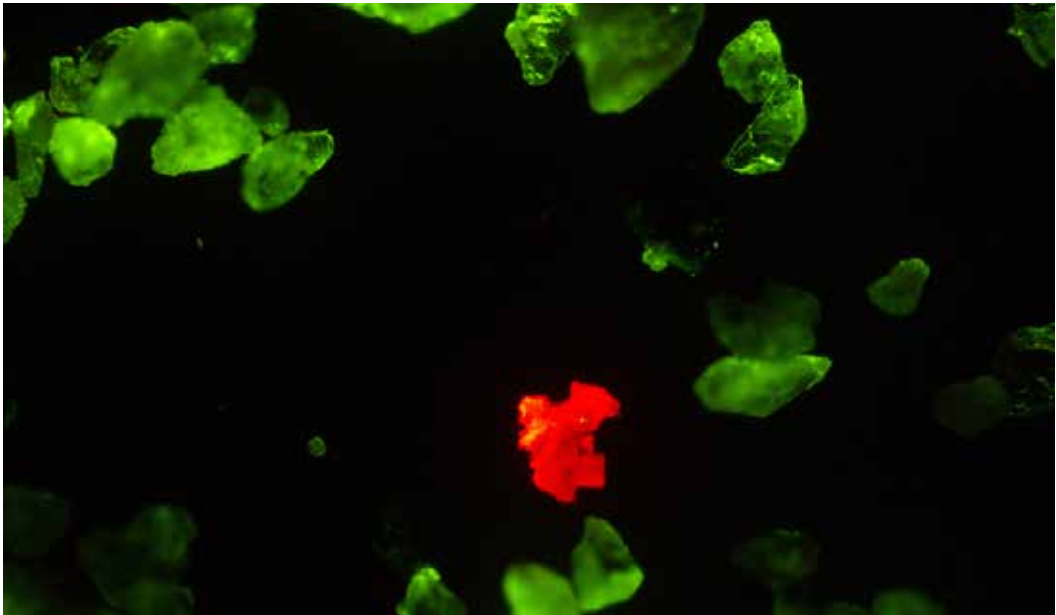
Firstly, there are primary microplastics that are intentionally manufactured. One use is in personal care products, including cosmetics, shampoos, toothpastes, and sunscreens. They act as emulsifiers and bulking agents; they enhance texture, durability, and water resistance; they act as cleansing agents; and they promote smooth and even spread on skin and hair. After use, all these microplastics make their way back into the environment.

Then there are secondary microplastics, which are produced by the breakdown of larger pieces of plastic. For example, washing, or just wearing, synthetic clothing creates microplastic fibres. And every year millions of tonnes of plastic waste enter our oceans, which, through weathering, is ultimately broken down into microplastics.

Researchers have estimated that if we continue our current business-as-usual trajectory, by 2050 plastics will outweigh fish in our oceans.

Nature cannot biodegrade synthetic plastics so when they are “broken down” they are simply broken into smaller pieces, and because these microplastic particles are resistant to biodegradation they can persist in the environment for hundreds of years. It's sobering to think that all the plastic glitter that has ever been made (estimated at several hundred thousand tonnes) still exists out there somewhere in the environment. And we still keep making it!

Microplastics are absorbed by animals and humans and have been detected in the tissues of all major organs including heart, kidney,



Grains of Otaki beach sand illuminated with green light – and a microplastic particle identified by its red fluorescence.
Image courtesy of Steve Humphries

and liver, and can cross the blood-brain barrier into the brain.

Researchers have detected microplastics in human placentas, showing that these particles can travel from mother to fetus during pregnancy, underscoring just how pervasive this plastic pollution is.

As the research is relatively new, the health effects of microplastics accumulating in the body are unclear and not fully understood – the term “microplastic” itself was only coined in 2004.

Avenues of research involve looking at how microplastics might lead to oxidative stress and chronic inflammation, disrupt gut microbiota, cause DNA damage (raising concerns about cancer risk), and have reproductive and developmental effects.

Meanwhile the environmental and human burden of microplastics continues to increase.

The potential toxicity of microplastics is further enhanced by their ability to absorb and concentrate heavy metals and toxic organic pollutants such as pesticides, endocrine disrupters, and carcinogenic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

To investigate microplastics, researchers have had to develop techniques to detect the microscopic particles that are mostly invisible to the eye.

One common practice is to use Nile Red, a dye that fluoresces when absorbed onto microplastics,

which then can be detected with fluorescence microscopy (see photo).

Microplastics are typically found in surveys of New Zealand's rivers and beaches. Coastal microplastics pose a threat to the health of marine life, and, because edible shellfish filter and accumulate microplastics, they provide a common pathway for microplastics to enter the human food chain.

A recent survey of Auckland air quality found relatively high levels of microplastic particles, with a large proportion of the particles attributed to Hauraki Gulf wave action transferring microplastics from the ocean into the air. Microplastics can get around in intriguing ways.

Last year global production of plastics was a record high of more than 400 million tonnes, and this is predicted to increase year on year to 2050 and beyond. We can't seem to give up our addiction to plastic. And, unfortunately, only a small fraction of plastic waste is effectively recycled.

The biggest shift we can make to reduce our environmental plastic footprint is to reduce our use of plastics to begin with. Single-use items account for the bulk of consumer plastic waste; what single-use plastics have you stopped using this year?

■ Health scientist Dr Steve Humphries is a director at Hebe Botanicals in Ōtaki. He was previously a lecturer at Massey University and director of the Health Science Programme.

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

Understanding surcharges on credit cards

I was in a shop the other day when a customer complained about there being a surcharge on payments made with a credit card.

When queried, the employee said everyone was doing it nowadays. That isn't quite true, but the employee was correct to inform the customer about the surcharge prior to payment being made.

Businesses can choose to charge customers a fee (a surcharge) for making a payment using a credit card or contactless transaction like PayWave, but they must tell you about the surcharge. The caveat to that is that when retailers do add a surcharge to a payment method, they should charge only enough to cover their own electronic payment service costs.

A good retailer will usually have a sign on the counter or in the vicinity of the checkout



operation that will inform their shoppers of any special conditions. Retailers are urged to be aware of poorly sighted customers being able to access written information. If a retailer does not clearly inform a customer about their surcharge they could be in breach of the Fair Trading Act.

Retailers should offer a payment method that does not incur a surcharge, such as cash, debit or eftpos cards. The Commerce Commission states that they expect sellers to offer at least one payment method to their customers that

does not incur a surcharge. With in-person card payments this means you can insert or swipe your debit or eftpos card, rather than using the contactless function.

If you're paying online this might mean being able to pay using internet banking.

If you think a business surcharge is unreasonable you can have a chat with the retailer in an attempt to resolve the issue. If this is not successful you can make a formal complaint to the Commerce Commission.

According to Consumer New Zealand, a surcharge above 2.5 percent would be deemed unreasonable.

If you have any further questions about this or other consumer related items please ring us at CAB Levin – 06 367 9521 or email levin@cab.org.nz. There will be someone able to answer your questions.

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

Big military questions for isolated NZ

The current upgrading of Royal New Zealand Air Force helicopters, plus the decision to buy two large European passenger aircraft for troop carriage, comes against the background of defence experts warning of the country’s “nakedness” to economic blockade in the South Pacific.

In purely defence terms these acquisitions should be followed by an upgrading of weapons systems available to our two Navy frigates, along with decisions to acquire an air strike force capable of seeking some control over a hostile force in the region.

An almost “loaded” question for these experts is whether political assessments will, or can, be made that would allow assembly of the appropriate sophisticated defence capabilities justified by the strategic security gap.

They will be made only if New Zealanders accept that the gap needs to be filled because neither the United States nor Australia under current policies would be positioned to do so immediately in the event of hostilities involving an Asian power or Russia.

Recent backgrounding by strategic planners shows that under current military thinking the defence acquisitions of Australia and of the US are targeted at areas beyond New Zealand’s reach, other than in a support role.

That is because Australia’s focus is on the seas and region immediately to the north, north-west and west, embracing waters off Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore.

The US sees the dominant area of its focus to be the Western Pacific, embracing Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, and other Asean countries.

Draw a circle over each of these areas and it

becomes apparent that sitting outside of them are the South Pacific islands to the east and New Zealand to the south.

Questions arise among defence strategic planners as to who fills that gap.

Australia is naturally interested. But the region is secondary to that of the north and west as the source area of any threat.

America during the Biden administration signalled considerable interest in the region and boosted its diplomatic presence. Today, under MAGA concepts, that degree of interest appears to have waned.

And while US diplomats and the White House urge greater expenditure on defence among Washington’s allies, the reality is that US defence spending has declined significantly since the days of the cold war with Moscow. The White House envisages greater expenditure.

In the meantime, Beijing and Moscow encourage third country strife that can suck in American defence equipment and weaponry as counter gestures, but which further deplete under-stocked resources. The war in Ukraine and Houthi rebel activity in the Middle East fit readily into this scenario.

Why should New Zealand seek to fill “the gap”?

The answer in broad terms is that, as demonstrated by the recent visit of two Chinese



F16 fighter planes could help New Zealand control the air. Image Wietze Brandsma, Pixabay

naval ships off the Australian east coast, a blockade of freighter shipping moving to and from New Zealand through the area could be implemented by a small task force. The island countries of the region have no power to counter such sophisticated units as dispatched by Beijing. Nor does New Zealand.

And if Australian and US forces are engaged elsewhere, as would be likely, the inability to export Kiwi farm products and get the imports we need to keep daily life running smoothly would be disruptive on a massive scale.

For our politicians, the issues are probably threefold. First, do we accept the defence strategists’ analysis? Secondly, do we wish to act on it? And thirdly, do we have the money available to buy the needed equipment?

It is probable that the members of the ruling coalition will accept the analysis. Labour and the Greens are problematical, but most likely to focus their attention on the need, or not, to act on it.

On past-precedent, with a starting point of former prime minister Helen Clark, the likelihood is that they would either see no reason for action or accept that if it took place there is little New Zealand could do about it.

Defence strategists will continue to argue that he/she who controls the air, controls the battle ground/sea and therefore we need a deterrent air force capability.

Currently American F16 military aircraft fit the need. A drone unit of potential use needs the greater cover against offensive weaponry that combat planes provide.

The necessity for the billions of dollars needed to buy them will probably take second place within political minds to the views of voters – should we have the capability, or not? It may be a question posed before election day of 2026.

Note: The Royal New Zealand Navy is looking to replace its support ship *Canterbury*. As its configuration is not far removed from that of the Cook Strait ferries, the replacement could become a third order with the shipyard that builds the new ferries. It would save of lot of investigation time for the Navy and probably mean a lower purchase cost than can be obtained for construction of a single ship.

■ Bruce has been an economics and business editor, and a foreign correspondent in Washington, London and Hong Kong.

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WHEN LOCATION COUNTS!

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It's a true pleasure to present this charming colonial residence - a stand out on one of Levin's most beautiful streets. Offering space, versatility, and timeless appeal, this three bedroom home is perfectly designed for those who value both style and substance. Zoned for the highly regarded Fairfield School, this property blends classic character with family friendly practicality. A welcoming foyer leads to two gracious lounges, providing flexible spaces for everyday living and entertaining. The main lounge, positioned at the rear of the home, opens through French doors to a sun-drenched courtyard and private garden, a serene setting for alfresco dining.

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» 27 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

ASKING \$479,000



A SMART START

You will find a stylish three bedroom home, featuring modern updates and a spacious layout that's perfect for comfortable living. Step inside, and you are greeted by a large lounge with impressive sloping ceilings, giving the space an airy and open feel. The fresh paint inside gives a clean, modern look, and the fairly new carpet adds a cosy touch, as does the gas heating. The kitchen has been recently updated with sleek cabinetry, freestanding oven with gas hobs and plenty of bench space making cooking a breeze, while the tiled floor adds both durability and style. This is a kitchen that truly blends functionality with contemporary charm.

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» 76 Parker Avenue **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



MAKE YOUR MARK!

Positioned on a combined 918m2 (more or less) across two titles, this property includes a spacious four bedroom home set on a 587m2 section and (181 Bath Street) a 331m2 section complete with a shed, both are available to purchase together or separately. The home offers generous living with four bedrooms, spacious lounge which flows seamlessly to the kitchen. The bathroom has been updated and boasts a shower, vanity and toilet. There is a good double garage and the section is well fenced and private. It's ideal for those looking for their home, an investment, or future development. Buy just the house, or secure both

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LOW MAINTENANCE TWO BEDROOM BEAUTY

Welcome to this low-maintenance, two bedroom home designed for comfort and convenience. The open plan living and dining area is heated by a log burner and there is a heat pump. The well-appointed kitchen is both practical and stylish, featuring a gas hob, wall oven, dish drawer, and plenty of bench space. It overlooks the street, allowing you to stay connected to the vibrant neighbourhood while preparing meals. Both bedrooms are a good size and the master boasts a heat pump, walk-in robe and ensuite. Constructed with low-maintenance materials such as brick and aluminium joinery, this home is built to stand the test of time while offering easy care living.

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» 37 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$385,000



A WEE RIPPER

It's a winner! Tidy, well-presented, and ready to go, this gem is an ideal choice for savvy investors or home buyers looking for value in a great location. Inside you will instantly appreciate the near new carpet, light-filled living space, and generous layout. The spacious lounge flows effortlessly into the open plan kitchen and dining area, which extends out to a brand new deck, perfect for summer BBQs or simply relaxing with a coffee in the afternoon sun. The kitchen offers great bench space and ample storage, while the bathroom includes a shower and vanity. The main bedroom features a double wardrobe, with the second bedroom bring ideal for guests or a home office.

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Set on low maintenance section in a nice location, this is the perfect choice for a couple, small family, or first home buyers looking for a great starting point. The layout offers an open plan kitchen, living area, and a comfortable bedroom downstairs, while the entire upper level is one large bedroom. A single garage + Carport

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Games participants, from left: Taitoko School students in new uniforms designed for the Games; some of 60 Levin Intermediate 60 students going to the Games; and representative of Ōpiki School, which, like Taitoko, is a first time entrant.



Photos Janine Baalbergen

Horowhenua aims for Games

By Janine Baalbergen

Three Horowhenua schools will be sending teams to the annual AIMS Games in Tauranga, which offers 28 sports for year 7-13 students from August 30 to September 5.

Levin Intermediate will send 18 teams for 10 sports. Ōpiki and Taitoko schools take part for the first time; Opiki in two sports with a team of 13, Taitoko is taking 13 students.

The AIMS Games were founded in 2004 by Tauranga schools and are now Australasia's biggest sporting event for juniors. Last year 12,660 competitors from 395 schools participated and this year schools from Fiji and the Cook Islands will send teams.

Competitions take place in Tauranga, Mount Maunganui, Papamoa and Western Bay of Plenty. Taitoko School's 13 students will get a special

uniform. They have had working bees and pizza days at school to fundraise, but also received donations from six local businesses (\$1000 each) to allow them to go. They will send two rippa rugby teams and one cross-country runner.

"Our kids are pumped," says deputy principal Emma Veail. "They train every day and have done so all year.

"The AIMS Games are a big deal for primary school kids and we have a lot of rather talented kids at our schools. They are all really excited."

Emma, head of sport Peter La Roche, and three parents will be travelling with the team to Tauranga.

Levin Intermediate is sending 60 students, taking part in sports as diverse as futsal, hockey, rock climbing and bowling. One student, Oliver, gets weekly coaching from a seasoned bowler, Ross McLean, while Karli plays hockey

at school and as a rep. Ella does rock climbing at Horowhenua College. Pare plays rippa rugby every day and practises at Donnelly Park, Aries plays basketball, Sela netball and Finn and Max do futsal.

Two of them have attended AIMS Games before, while others had older siblings take part in the past.

The school says excellent behaviour and attendance are required to be selected into an AIMS Games team. The school will send three adults along for every group of 12 students.

The school has been successful at basketball in the past bringing home a bronze medal.

A lot of fundraising and applications for grants have gone into funding the trip. A recent quiz night brought in \$4000 to help pay for the trip. They have had sponsorships from local businesses, including for the prizes handed out at the quiz night.

For the kids there is incredible pride in being able represent their school and they are all excited at their selection. Some play multiple sports, such as Fleur Turner, who takes on three codes: swimming, netball and cross country.

Ōpiki School principal Kirstin McKenzie says she is taking 13 students and four adults.

"It's the first time for us. It is great for them to be able compete against bigger schools from around the country. They are very excited."

Ōpiki regularly plays against five other rural schools and last week had a tournament against Levin Intermediate and a few other schools to test their skills.

They will take part in rippa rugby and has two orienteering teams for year 8 girls and boys.

"A few of our kids do orienteering outside of school, so we thought we'd give them a chance. We are taking a mixed team, but the kids had to trial to be chosen to join," Kirsten says.



Awapuni track woes benefit Ōtaki

Ōtaki-Maori Racing Club is saddling up for a busy spring as it takes on two extra meetings to cover for an Awapuni track plagued with performance issues.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and RACE Inc announced a calendar restructure this week as remediation works continue at Awapuni.

A meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 6, and another meeting on October 11 featuring the \$120,000 Group 3 Spring Sprint (1400m), will now be run at the Ōtaki-Māori course, in addition to the club's own spring meeting on September 26 that features the first 2-year-old race of the season.

In further date swaps, the Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club meeting initially set down for October 18 will be transferred, with the new venue to be confirmed, while a Marton Jockey Club meeting that was scheduled for Awapuni on September 20 will now be staged at Trentham.

Work is ongoing to fix an Awapuni racing surface that has been plagued with problems in recent years – its synthetic track meetings have also been prone to cancellation due to insufficient entries.

Representatives from NZTR, RACE Inc, the Racing Integrity Board (RIB), consultant Liam O'Keeffe, the New Zealand Jockeys Association, Entain and senior trainers, will meet at Awapuni on Monday, September 15, for a formal review of the track.

Photo: Race Images Ltd (Peter Rubery)

Brothers in as HK makes changes

Foxton brothers Mikaere and Massie Harvey have been named in the Horowhenua-Kāpiti team to take on Poverty Bay at Levin Domain tomorrow.

Mikaere, 22, has already played a representative match this season, while Massie, 23, is poised to make his debut off the bench.

It's one of a couple of changes to the team that played Mid Canterbury in Ashburton last week, with halfback Tema Teihema also set to make his provincial debut.

Unavailable for selection this week are Albert Hemopo (hamstring), Kahn Fotuali'i (ankle), Joeli Rauca (bicep) and Jeremy David (bicep).

HK is carrying a wider squad of 29 players to cover injuries, which presents other players in the squad with an opportunity to step up and make a mark.

HK were right in it against Mid Canterbury last weekend, only for the hosts to score two tries in the final minutes to blow the score out to 40-27.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RUGBY
Horowhenua-Kāpiti v Poverty Bay, Levin Domain. Kick-off 2.30pm tomorrow, Saturday August 30.

Results, Saturday, August 23
Mid-Canterbury 40, Horowhenua-Kāpiti 27.
HK tries to Joeli Rauca, Mikaere Harvey, Jack Sturmey. Rory Woollett 2 pen, 3 con.

GOLF
Foxton Midweek Thursday (August 21): Lorna Soo 40 stb, Huck Baird 39, Virginia Ryan (Feilding) 38, Dean Winyard 38, Steve Ryan (Feilding) 37. Twos: Huck Baird on 12.
Tuesday (August 26): Lorna Soo 41, Barry Graham c/b 37, Gary Stratford 37, Marty Berry 37, Reihana Tiiwai 37, Chris Lee 35: Twos: Gary Stratford on 10.

Foxton 9 Hole (August 27)
Stableford Competition: Eric Cornick 24, Elaine Pedersen 21, Carol Kupa 20, Geoff McBrydie 20, Rae Jack 19, Steve Kupa 18, Ruth Williams 17, Neil Thompson 17, Lyal Brenton 17, Marilyn Hayvice 16, Kevin Young 16.



The match was locked at 10-all at half-time. Mid Canterbury were beaten in the final last season by Thames Valley.

Wing Joeli Rauca, lock Mikaere Harvey and flanker Jack Sturmey scored tries for HK, with first-five Rory Woollett kicking three conversions and two penalties.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti now sit mid-table with a win and a loss. The unbeaten teams thus far are West Coast, Whanganui, Mid Canterbury and South Canterbury.

Kick-off at Levin Domain tomorrow is at 2.30pm. A Horowhenua-Kāpiti Pasifika XV have a match against Manawatu Pasifika at Belltown Park in Palmerston North at 1pm.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti team: George Jacobs, Brad Reilly, Nonu Tuia, Dallas Wiki, Mikaere Harvey, Aaron Lahmert, Jack Sturmey, Mika Alaifatu, TJ Barnsley, Rory Woollett, Willie Paia'aau, Connor Paki, Darren Falaniko, Max Hoskings, Sean Pape, Edward Northcott, Dave McErlean, Michael Laursen, Massie Harvey, Tema Tihema, Chris Salu, Jayson Aquilla, Stephen Burnell.

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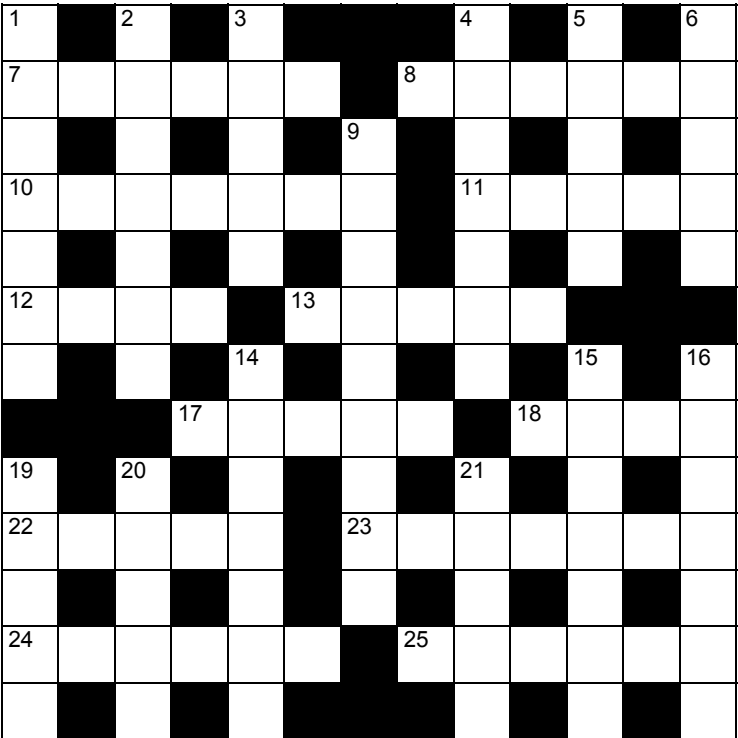
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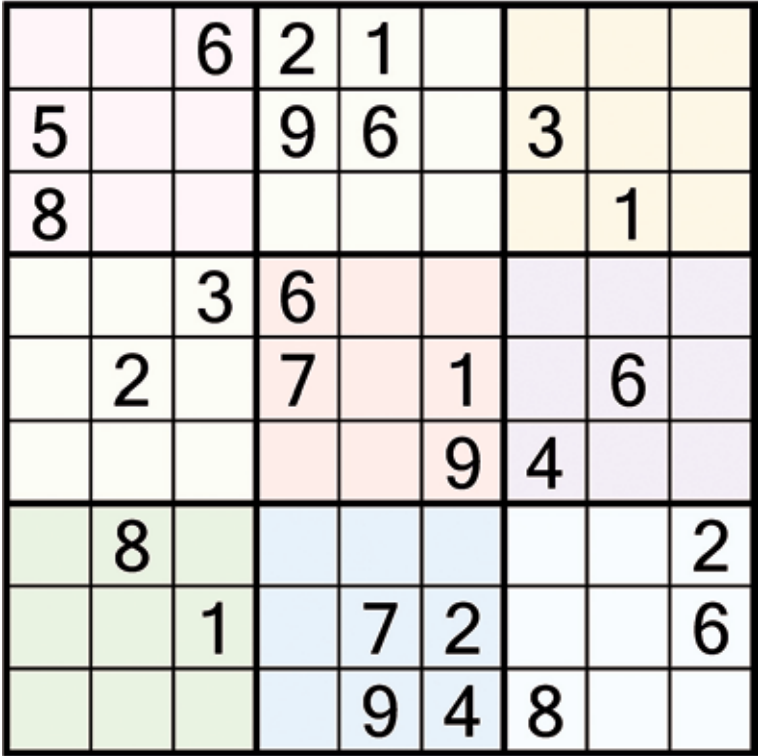
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ACROSS
7. Line on weather map (6)
8. Croaky (6)
10. 10-15% of Kiwis are thought to have links to this country (7)
11. Confess (5)
12. An informer, or telltale (4)
13. Punishment banned in a change to the Crimes Act in 2007 (5)
17. Jeer (5)
18. Territory (4)
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DOWN
1. Term for things that are distinctively NZ, like Buzzy Bee (7)
2. Area between elbow and wrist (7)
3. Black pine (5)
4. Swan plant butterfly (7)
5. Dirty (5)
6. Divine being (5)
9. Someone who doesn't fit in (3,3,3)
14. Ice cream flavour (7)
15. Weather event experienced in many New Zealand areas, often blamed on climate change (7)
16. Dunedin's famous steep street (7)
19. Pour scorn (5)
20. Verity (5)
21. Invercargill racetrack, ___ Park (5)



FOODIES' QUIZ
Answers bottom of page.

- What is a "rambutan"? a. An Indonesian chefs' hat b. A tropical fruit c. A food festival d. An Asian rice dish.
- Which of the following wild mushrooms would you NOT eat? a. fairy ring champignons b. panther cap c. pine d. trumpet of the dead
- Bechamel, mornay, and soubise are all types of: a. seafood dishes b. chicken dishes c. cheese sauces d. white sauces.
- Beurre Bosc, Packam's Triumph, and Doyenne du Comice are all varieties of what? a. potatoes b. pumpkins c. apples d. pears.
- In New Orleans, if you asked for a Po' Boy you would get a French roll filled with . . . : a. shark b. catfish c. oysters d. alligator.
- What is the vegetable combination known as "the Holy trinity" in Cajun cooking? a. chillies, tomatoes, onions b. tomatoes, parsley, onion tops c. bell peppers, onion, celery d. garlic, tomatoes chillies.
- Marmite is not only a savoury spread. It is also a . . . ? a. small rodent b. vegetable c. cooking pot d. soup.
- Persillade is a mixture of finely chopped parsley and . . . ? a. lemon zest b. garlic c. chives d. black pepper.
- The main ingredient in rollmops is: a. herring b. anchovies c. lobster d. salmon.
- What is a roux? a. cheese wine variety b. a mixture of beaten eggs and sugar c. a cooked mixture of flour with oil or fat.

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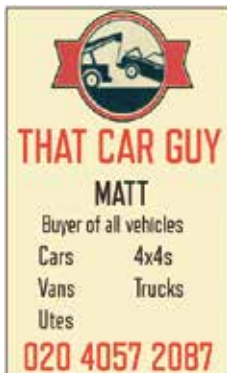
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	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 29 AUG	01:16	07:50	13:35	20:04	-
SAT 30 AUG	01:55	08:29	14:17	20:49	-
SUN 31 AUG	02:41	09:15	15:10	21:47	-
MON 1 SEP	03:41	10:14	16:21	23:03	-
TUE 02 SEP	04:53	11:29	17:46	-	-
WED 3 SEP	-	00:25	06:12	12:50	19:00
THU 4 SEP	-	01:33	07:21	13:55	19:55
FRI 5 SEP	-	02:25	08:14	14:44	20:38

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	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 29 AUG	00:31	06:48	12:50	19:02	-
SAT 30 AUG	01:10	07:27	13:32	19:47	-
SUN 31 AUG	01:56	08:13	14:25	20:45	-
MON 1 SEP	02:56	09:12	15:36	22:01	-
TUE 2 SEP	04:08	10:27	17:01	23:23	-
WED 3 SEP	05:27	11:48	18:15	-	-
THU 4 SEP	-	00:31	06:36	12:53	19:10
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